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Information Bulletin: GSCC Officer of the Year

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Detective Matthew Bestick was recognized, on Thursday, December 9, as Officer of the Year by the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce. Detective Bestick was nominated by Second Lieutenant Mark Hopson, supervisor of the Franconia Station Criminal Investigation Section. Lt. Hopson said that, "Det. Bestick has an uncanny ability to stay organized and productive in a hectic environment." Det. Bestick is responsible for a large area which includes North Springfield and parts of Alexandria. His case load was twice the county average with over 120 cases last year.

Lt. Hopson continued, "It is difficult to articulate all of the outstanding merits of Detective Bestick's professionalism for an entire year, but I feel the best example is outlined in the following case. This summer Detective Bestick was investigating the burglary of a ninety year old North Springfield couple. A large amount of jewelry was taken to include many pieces that were considered family heirlooms. Detective Bestick spent hours combing through police reports, pawn sheets and talking to other detectives when he finally received a break. He read a report that mentioned the arrest of burglars

in West Springfield. Detective Bestick contacted the arresting officer and by tracing the suspect's actions, he was able to link them to his case. Some detectives would have stopped at the successful prosecution of the case, but Detective Bestick took the time to search pawn shops to recover most of their jewelry."

Detective Matthew Bestick

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